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SUBJECT: BENIN TO VOTE FOR KOSOVO'S WORLD BANK MEMBERSHIP

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(SBU) In a May 12, 2009 conversation with the Ambassador (per Ref A), Foreign Minister (ForMin) Ehouzou said that Benin will respond formally and vote by the June 3 deadline in favor of Kosovo's membership in the World Bank as it had done for the May 6 vote on Kosovo's membership in the IMF. On May 11, the Ambassador had made the same point with MFA Deputy Secretary General Hinvi who promised to raise the issue with the ForMin on his return from the presidential inauguration ceremony in South Africa. The Ambassador expressed appreciation to both GOB officials for Benin's support on this issue.

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